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Application No.: 10/577,222	:	Group Art Unit : 3748
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For: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING	:	
APPARATUS AND EXHAUST	:	
GAS PURIFYING METHOD OF	:	
AN ENGINE	:	

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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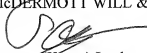
Some of the references on the attached PTO-1449 were first cited in an International Search Report dated September 19, 2006, which issued in International Application No. PCT/JP2006/311626. A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos.: 11/790,739, filed April 27, 2007; 11/800,450, filed May 4, 2007; and 11/952,397, filed December 7, 2007. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications are not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to the applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during examination.

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